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Memorial Garden Dedicated to Lori Franklin

A memorial garden is currently being completed and will be dedicated to Ms. Lori Franklin. Lori was a LASP animal caretaker in Building 567 for five years. In August 2006, she was diagnosed with terminal liver cancer and underwent experimental treatments for four months. Lori always had faith that perhaps she would be cured and live longer than her three month prognosis. Sadly, Lori died on January 26, 2007.

Co-workers and friends describe Lori as a beautiful person inside and out. To honor her memory and to ensure that she would not be forgotten, her friends and colleagues have been working diligently to finish a garden [outside of Building 567] and FME was kind enough to make a plaque that will be dedicated and placed in the garden to honor Lori's memory. The memorial is nearing completion and Lori's co-workers and friends have been very pleased with the results and kind remarks from others. All of those near and dear to Lori hope

that this garden will keep her memory alive for many years to come.

NCI-Frederick ACUC Guidelines

Please ensure that you and your staff review all pertinent ACUC guidelines as they relate to your animal research activities. The guidelines can be found at <http://web.ncifcrf.gov/rtp/lasp/intra/acuc/fred/guidelines.nci.asp>

New LASP Standard Operating Procedures NEW

Below is a listing of new LASP Standard Operating Procedures. Please contact your facility manager if you require copies for your staff and/or have any questions as to how these SOPs relate to your animal research activities.

- 3.016 *Xenopus Laevis Care*
- 3.017 *Cleaning and Sanitation of the Small Animal Imaging Facility [SAIF]*
- 3.018 *Sanitation of SAIF Equipment and Work Areas*

New NCI-Frederick ASP Form Template NEW

Please be sure to download the newly revised [May 2007] version of the NCI-Frederick Animal Study Proposal form for all future submissions [new and renewals].

<http://web.ncifcrf.gov/rtp/lasp/intra/acuc/fred/proposal.asp>

New Rodent Breeding and Weaning Exemption Request Process NEW

Due to repeat citations of overcrowding in breeding colonies, the ACUC has modified the process for requesting exemptions to LASP SOP 3.021 "Rodent Breeding and Weaning." The SOP currently permits a maximum of two adult animals in a single cage with one litter at any given time. Due to difficulties with some breeding colonies [i.e., litter survival rates, etc.], the ACUC recognizes that there may be circumstances requiring exemption to the SOP. Therefore, the ACUC has developed [Guidance for Investigators Seeking Exemptions to the Rodent Breeding and Weaning Policy](#). The ACUC Office has contacted those investigators that currently have exemptions on file to ensure compliance with the revised process.

Semiannual Facility Inspection Findings

The NCI-Frederick Animal Care and Use Committee [ACUC] recently conducted its semiannual facility inspections. Below is a list of some minor deficiencies noted during inspections that should be discussed with your staff to alleviate future recurrence:

- *Overcrowding in animal cages*
- *Ensure prompt reporting of animal health issues in accordance with SOP 2.002*
- *"Milky/cloudy" cages were found [preventing proper observation]*
- *Peeling paint and rusty pipes, buckets, etc., required repair*
- *Ensure proper log sheet completion by staff [eye wash, chlorine, etc.]*

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- Door signs must be properly posted and/or labeled
- Emergency and/or veterinary contact listings must be posted and current
- Ensure that emergency lights are working properly
- Improper material/equipment storage
- Expired drugs, wet feed, etc., found in labs/refrigerators

Upcoming ACUC Meeting Dates and ASP Deadlines

MEETING DATES	ASP SUBMISSION DEADLINES
July 19	June 28
August 16	July 26
September 20	August 30

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